

The Van Duyne House
Fairfield Road
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Passaic County, New Jersey

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Owner: Mr. George A. Burke
5413 Fifth Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Date of Erection: 1706

Architect:

Builder: Supposedly a member of the Van Duyne family

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - main house
stone; wing and gable ends
frame construction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

This house according to a datestone on the east side was built in 1706 supposedly by a member of the Van Duyne family, but full information is lacking on this. A search at the Surveyor-General's office in Perth Amboy fails to reveal any grants to a Van Duyne. A leaflet published by the Mountainview Chamber of Commerce claims that it was built on a plot of five hundred acres.

However, practically all of Wayne Township was in the purchase Arnt Schuyler and his associates made in 1695. Their purchase was for fifty-five hundred acres. It must be assumed, therefore, that if tradition is correct in saying that Van Dyne built the house he purchased from Schuyler and his associates. The house is marked on Erskine's Revolutionary map, but there is no name mentioned. A search of the Passaic County records indicates that the property was in the possession of the Van Dynes. However, only two generations of these are recorded, James and Peter. The property was sold in 1889 by Dorcas Van Dyne, widow of Peter, to Frank Osborne. Osborne held possession until 1909 when he sold to Rilla J. Budd. From the administrators of her estate the present owner obtained possession in 1937.

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